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An ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
SIEGE of MONS.

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**T**HE King parted from hence the 26th instant for *Breda*, where His Majesty intends to stay till Sunday next, and then to go on for *Flanders*, to Head the Army which is drawing together for the Relief of *Mons*; Ten thousand Brandenburgers quartered in the Country of *Liege*, are already advanced as far as *Leeuwe*, and the rest of the Forces march with such Diligence, that they will be to Morrow at their Place of Rendezvous between *Louvain* and *Brussels*, and together make a Body of 50000 Men without reckoning the Scotch Regiments that are newly arrived at *Sluyce* in *Flanders*.

In the mean time we have this account of the Siege. On the 15th instant *Mons* was invested by the French Horse; The next day part of their Foot came up, as the rest did the day following, and took their several Posts. On the 19th, the Enemy began to work on their Line of Circumvallation, having for that purpose  
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summon'd in several Thousands of the Country People. On the 22d the French King arriv'd in the Camp, and it was thought the Trenches would have been open'd that Day, but it was not done till the 25th at Night, when the Enemy began likewise to play upon the Town from three Batteries, but one of their Batteries sunk, and dismounted the Cannon. The French King did not stay in the Camp, but went to *St. Guislain*, where he has his Quarters; and the Dauphin his at *Maubenge*.

On the other side the Town is well fortified, and has in it a Garison of 7000 Men, besides the Burghers, who make as considerable a Body, are most of them Men well Disciplined and Experienced in War, and very resolute and active in the Defence of the Place; in order whereunto they have uncovered their Houses, and unpaved the Streets, to hinder the effects of the Enemies Bombs. They are very well stored with Provisions and Ammunition, and the Prince *de Berghue*, the Governor, has sent Word to the Governor of *Flanders*, that he wants nothing, and doubts not but to give the Enemy work enough. The Besieg'd have made two Sallies, in which, 'tis said, they have killed 700 of the French, and very bravely repulsed the Enemy in an Attack they made upon a Wind-mill and a small Redoubt, which lies at some little distance from the Town, and in this last Action the French lost almost a whole Regiment; and 'tis very confidently reported, that their famous Engineer, Monsieur *Vauban*, was likewise killed here. Several Spanish Officers have got into the Town: From whence, in a word, we have as good an Account of Things as can be expected.

